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a Bus

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of March 12, 2003, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 29. Set forth below is a clean copy of claim 29 after entry of this amendment. Included herewith is a marked-up copy of claim 29, illustrating the changes made thereto in this amendment.

Please add claims 31-48 as set forth below.

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29 (Amended) The arbiter as recited in claim 22 wherein said bus is a split transaction bus, and wherein said arbiter is configured to arbitrate for a data portion of said bus.

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